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2. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein
the mounting frame [(10) which] is dimensioned to be set flush in the opening [(64)]

on [the] an inner surface [(68)] of the outer panel [(60), is] and rigidly fixed to the outer panel [(60)] by joining devices [(74, 76)].

3. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the mounting frame [(10)] set into the opening (64)] has a stepped notch [(74)] all around its facing edges along which an outer stepped surface is provided for fitting next to the outer panel [(60)] and a projecting inner stepped surface [(26) which fits] is provided for fitting flush into the opening [(64), and which is], the inner stepped surface being covered over in the closed position by the hinged door [(14)], [preferably] leaving an even seam [(82)] with the surrounding outer panel [(60)].

4. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the mounting frame [(10)] has brackets [(34, 36)] which [are] can be fastened to [the] inner protruding mounting surfaces [(70, 72)] on the outer panel [(60)] by means of expanding rivets [(74, 76)].

Claim 5, line 1, delete "1" and insert --3--;

line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(14)";

line 3, delete "(64)" and "(42) preferably of";

line 4, delete "thermoplastic";

line 4, delete "(44, 46 preferably";

line 5, delete "made of a fibreglass-reinforced plastic and";

line 6, delete "(42)".

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6. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 5, [characterized in that] wherein the swivel carrier[, preferably of] has a one-piece construction, and has a mounting plate [(44)] next to and rigidly attached to the trim plate [(42)] and has at least one swivel arm [(46, 46')] attached at one end to the mounting plate and at another end to [its unattached end of the] a swivel shaft [(12)] fitted to the mounting frame [(10)].

Claim 7, line 1, delete "characterized";

line 2, delete "in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(12)";

line 2, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 3, delete "(38, 38') close to a plane parallel through" and insert

--of--;

line 4, delete "(10)";

line 4, delete "shows at" and insert --the--;

line 4, delete "(46, ";

line 5, delete "46')";

line 7, delete "(10)".

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8. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 6, [characterized in that] wherein the swivel carrier has two swivel arms [(46, 46'),] spaced at a short distance from each other[, are] and formed on opposite sides of the mounting plate [(44)], and [that the] wherein free ends of the swivel arms[,] are provided with bearing holes, so that the free ends of the swivel arms can be spread to engage [the] shaft journals [(40, 40')] attached to the frame.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(46,";

line 3, delete "46)";

line 3, delete "(44)";

line 3, delete "(54,";

line 4, delete "54)";

line 5, delete "(16, 20)".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "3" and insert --5--;

line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 3, delete "(26)" and "(30)";

line 4, delete ", preferably";

line 6, delete "(42)" and "(14)".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "1" and insert --6--;

line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(14)";

line 3, delete "(58)";

line 4, delete "(14)";

line 5, delete "(10)".

Claim 12, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--;

line 2, delete "(44)";

line 4, delete "(10)";

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line 5, delete "(32)" and "(10)".

Claim 13, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert "--wherein--";

line 2, delete "(44)";

line 3, delete "(42)";

line 4, delete "the" and insert "--an--";

line 4, delete "(52)" and "(84)";

line 5, delete "[TRLsic]";

line 6, delete "(14)".

14. (Amended) Covering device according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the outer panel [(60) consists of] is a plastic facing on a bumper, [and] the opening [(64)] is intended for [the] a spray head [(84)] of a headlight washer system, and the opening is stamped out of [the] a prefabricated bumper facing.

15. (Amended) Headlight washer system for a motor vehicle [with a] comprising spray head [(84)] which extends from the rest position by a lifting stroke through an opening [(64)] in an outer vehicle shell[, specifically] formed by a bumper facing [(60)] into the spray position, [characterized by] and a covering device for the opening according to claim 1.

16. (Amended) Headlight washer system as in claim 15, [characterized in that] wherein the spray head [(84)] has a sliding rib [(90)] which acts together with [the] an angle buffer [(52) of] on the hinged door when [it] the spray head is extending.